

1 So I decided that the best way to obviate the
2 problem of this distinction and at the same time provide
3 both local autonomy in the first instance and preserve
4 flexibility with respect to the overriding power of the
5 Legislature, I decided the best way to do that would be
6 this theory of having the constitution say that any municipi-
7 pality which adopted a home rule charter would have all
8 the powers of government that the Legislature could give
9 it subject to whatever restrictions might be placed in
10 the charter or might be laid down by general statute, by
11 general law.

12 That was the thing written into the A.M.A.
13 model, written into the National Municipal League thing,
14 written into the proposal that goes to voters of Massa-
15 chusetts this fall, written into the constitution of Alaska.

16 MR. MILES: Is this a copy of the Massachusetts
17 thing?

18 DEAN FORDHAM: Yes, in the back of this. This,
19 of course, is optional. The home rule powers under this
20 theory don't attach until the full processes of charter
21 making has been gone through under A.M.A. proposal. So,